

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1948 No. 2574

BAHAMAS

**The Bahamas (Alteration of Boundaries) Order in
Council, 1948**

Made - - - - 26th November, 1948

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 26th day of November, 1948

Present

The King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas it is desirable to extend the boundaries of the Colony of the Bahamas so as to include the continental shelf contiguous to the coasts of the Colony:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon Him by the Colonial Boundaries Act, 1895, and of all other powers ^{58 & 59} enabling Him in that behalf, is pleased, by and with the advice of His Vict. c. 34. Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Bahamas (Alteration of Boundaries) Order in Council, 1948.

2. The boundaries of the Colony of the Bahamas are hereby extended to include the area of the continental shelf which lies beneath the sea contiguous to the coasts of the Bahamas.

3. Nothing in this Order shall be deemed to affect the character as high seas of any waters above the continental shelf and outside the limits of territorial waters.

E. C. E. Leadbitter.

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TO : DEPARTMENT OF STATE

INFO: NASSAU, COPENHAGEN

FROM : Amembassy LONDON

DATE: Nov 10, 1964

SUBJECT: Bahamas Crawfish Dispute

REF : Embtel 1951, October 23, 1964 to Dept., Nassau 10, and Copenhagen UNN; Tepper letter to Armstrong, Oct. 26, 1964

Numbered paragraph five of the referenced letter requested confirmation that the extension by the United Kingdom of its coastal fisheries waters to a twelve-mile limit (six plus six formula) had not been extended to the U.K.'s possessions.

The Embassy queried Mr. A. G. R. Butler, International Relations Department, Colonial Office, which handles Law of the Sea affairs. He stated that the European Fisheries Convention, 1964 agreement on the "six plus six" formula was being applied by the U.K. only in British waters and that there were no plans to apply this provision to the coastal waters of possessions. The provisions of the Continental Shelf Convention of 1958 applied to the waters of all colonial possessions.

Regarding the status of the crawfish dispute, Mr. Butler said that he was unaware of any recent activity. In an aside, he added that his office would be pursuing the matter much more actively if the dispute involved lobsters rather than crawfish.

COMMENT:

In a recent conversation with Mr. Butler's superior, Mr. Axworthy, the latter had remarked that the Bahamas

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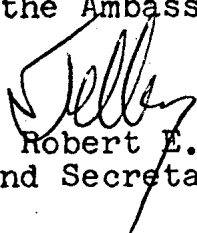
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might have a weak legal case. Mr. Butler's aside seems to confirm and refine that admission.

For the Ambassador:


Robert E. Jelley
Second Secretary of Embassy

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